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Memorandum for Correspondents

The Navy will conduct a ceremony 11:00 a.m. Monday, August 6, 2001 to mark the start of operations in the Navy Marine Corps Intranet's San Diego Network Operations Center at the Grace Hopper Building on the North Island Naval Air Station.

An opportunity to tour portions of the facility and interview Navy Marine Corps Intranet officials in advance of the ceremony is being extended to accredited News Media Representatives. Reporters, photographers, and videographers interested in attending this availability are asked to please confirm your attendance with Richard Williamson at SPAWAR Public Affairs. News Media participating in this opportunity should meet Navy Public Affairs representatives at 9:30 a.m. Monday, August 6 at the North Island Naval Air Station Pass and Decal Office parking lot for access to the facility. Tours and interviews will conclude not later than 10:45 a.m. to allow sufficient time for set up prior to the 11:00 a.m. ceremony.

News Media Representatives that wish to attend only the ceremony should meet Public Affairs escorts in the parking lot of the North Island Naval Air Station Pass Office (Gate 2) for credentialing and instructions at 10:30 a.m.

The San Diego Network Operations Center, located at the North Island Naval Air Station, will service about 78,000 NMCI users and can backup other Network Operations Centers like the newly opened east coast NOC in Norfolk, Va. The annual payroll for the San Diego NOC will be more than \$38 million and will employ about 340 people when fully staffed.

This is the second major network operations center to be opened in the United States as the Navy and Marine Corps convert to a contractor-managed nation-wide information technology system. The first, in Norfolk, Virginia, opened July 9, 2001.

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